

DIY Bird Seed Cakes

Adapted from P. Allen Smith

This spring, invite birds to stop by your garden for a snack!

Library providing 1 cup of seed - creates 2 or 3 cakes
Twine for outdoor hanging

You will need

.25 or 1/4 ounce gelatin
2 tablespoons cold water
1/3 cup boiling water Muffin pan or cookie cutters
Unflavored cooking spray



Directions

Empty the gelatin into a bowl. Add 2 T of cold water. Let sit for 1 minute. The mixture may have a smell. This is normal. Add 1/3 cup of boiling water to the gelatin, stirring until gelatin dissolves. (Note: some recipes call for smooth peanut butter as a possible substitute for the gelatin - a little stickier but the birds like it!)

Next, add the bird seed and mix thoroughly.

Spray your muffin pan or cookie cutters (our example used a heart shaped cutter) and divide the mixture into each mold. Press the seed mixture down to compact it. It doesn't have to look perfect!

Optional: Using a straw or ballpoint pen, press a hole into the seed mixture. The hole is so you can run twine through the cake to hang it outside.

Place the seed mixture in the refrigerator for a few hours to allow it to set. Once it is set, let the cakes warm to room temperature before removing them from the mold.

String a length of twine through the hole and tie it outside for the birds or drop the cake into a feeder cage.

